

	Riverfront Projects			
	City of Asheville Projects	DATED FEBRUARY 2016	All projects on this list - except those " on the radar" are funded and a part of the City of Asheville's 5 year Capital Improvement Plan or General Fund Budget.	
	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT COMPONENTS	STATUS/PROGRESS MILESTONES
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION	RADTIP	<i>The River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project (RADTIP) implements the main concept from the Wilma Dykman RiverWay Master Plan, an urban riverfront parkway throughout Asheville. This project serves as the spine for all of the City's RAD investments, it improves the way people move through and around the district and provides an environment for private development in the RAD to thrive.</i>	The addition of the following components along a 2.2 existing roadway corridor: stormwater management system; bicycle facilities; pedestrian facilities; on street parking; streetscape; new Riverside Drive alignment that eliminates congestion and addresses safety at Lyman Street curve; additional clearance under railroad trestle bridge; and public art and historic interpretation of the region to create a better sense of place.	Majority of engineering done and CEs will be 90% complete by March 1. Public Art planning underway, public meetings scheduled for Saturday Feb13th, 11 am at the Grant Center and Tuesday February 16th at 5:30 pm at Odyssey on Clingman Ext. Submitted application for grant funding for Clean Water Management Trust Fund on Monday Feb 8th. Land acquisition activities underway, including appraisals and property owner negotiations; acquisitions complete by June 2016. Field preconstruction activities, including Duke Energy Power pole relocation to occur in late summer and early fall 2016. Project construction from Spring 2017- to Fall 2019.
	Craven Street Improvements	<i>The Craven Street Improvement Project provides critical infrastructure improvements that insure economic viability for the former Stockyards area and implement the community's vision for a safer, greener riverfront.</i>	The rebuilding of Craven Street to modern standards including stormwater improvements, on street parking, transit shelters, bicycle lanes and sidewalk; the upgrading of .5 mile of city water line, .and the development of the French Broad River Greenway trailhead with public parking for 85 vehicles.	Majority of project completed but final phase (greenway surface pour, trailhead build) effectively on hold until spring (higher temperatures required). Project was significantly affected by need to address soil stability and contamination issues on greenway section and in stormwater management areas. City worked with partners to address the issue in a sustainable manner, which resulted in some cost increase and construction delays. Plans for project completion celebrations with the public will be developed in March.
	Greenway Network	<i>The French Broad River Greenway Network provides a foundation for an urban bicycle and pedestrian system that connects people to jobs, activities, schools, and residences.</i>	The addition of the following sections of greenway: Town Branch Greenway, a 1.2 mile relatively flat paved trail with historic interpretation of key people and places in the Southside neighborhood in the 1960's, will connect the southern section of the RAD with the Southside community and the South Slope	Town Branch: Public meeting for Livingston Street/Southside Community will feature display of historic markers created with community. FBRG west section two: City entering process for land lease of Duke Energy property for FBRG west bank/section 2 this month; to be complete by June 2016. Consideration of amendment (\$700k in formerly pledged/Strategy Priority funds) expected at February TDA mtg. consideration by TDA in Feb. Land Acquisition finished for Town Branch
	Neighborhood Street Improvements	<i>Building on the work of the Clingman Avenue Streetscape Project, these improvements will also providing safe walking options into and out of the RAD</i>	Haywood Road Sidewalk - from Craven Street to Beecham's Curve in W. Asheville. Project includes construction of a new 6 foot wide sidewalk in areas where there is no existing sidewalk. Incorporation of metal artwork in sidewalk as requested by neighborhood. Livingston Street Complete Streets- addition of bicycle lanes and sidewalk and other transportation improvements from southern section of Depot Street to intersection of Livingston Street and Victoria Road.	Haywood Road Sidewalk almost finished and projected to be completed by early Spring 2016. Livingston Street design will be 100% engineered by April. Public meeting on project on Tuesday February 16th at Grant Center, 5.30 pm.

CLEAN ENVIRONMENT	Clean +Accessible River	Maintaining and improving water quality in the French Broad River; and helping get people next to, into, and around the river itself.	Penland Creek Restoration, Stormwater BMPs, River Access	Stream restoration at Craven (Penland Creek) is completed; landscaping to be installed in spring 2016. Parks and Recreation staff partnering with RiverLink to build (steps) river access at Amboy Road Park east. City design partnership with Wildlife Resources Commission to create two boat ramps (at Craven Street, east bank in FY 16-17, and Amboy Road River Park west section in FY 17-18-) and reconstruct the Jean Webb (step) access in 2016/17. TPDF 2015 request for funding partnership on pedestrian connections for Amboy river access project with RiverLink was funded. Staff pursuing additional revenues/funding for stream restoration and stormwater mgmt elements of RADTIP (see CWMTF grant under RADTIP).
QUALITY DEVELOPMENT	Arts and Culture Dispensary	The Arts and Culture Dispensary renovates a historic building into a place where visitors to the district can find out what's happening, how to get around, and get a taste of Asheville's arts and culture scene	The renovation of an 1800 square foot building and surrounding site to include: public restrooms; reserved area for future bicycle rental or bike share station; building signage/visitor information display; flex space for gallery and/or performance space; deck area parking lot for 35 vehicles; streetside trolley drop-off ; bicycle racks to support 10 bicycles	. On track for construction start in March 2016. City will work on RFP for lease to private or not for profit in spring with release in summer; expected occupancy in October 2016.
	Form Based Development Code		Creation of new development code for greater River Arts District	Phase I/Charette completed. Draft code will be released in beginning of March 2016. Public meetings and workshops to follow. Request to AARRC from Mr. Jerry Sternberg to remove large amount of property from rezoning area will be considered in March or April 2016.
	Recreation and Cultural Facilities	Improvements to and Expansion of the City's recreation facilities in the Wilma Dykeman Riverway area.	Rebuilding the Velodrome at Carrier Park on French Broad; Renovation of the soccer fields at Azalea Park along the Swannanoa;	2015 TPDF application ask to support Velodrome rebuild project was unsuccessful; ABYSA received award for City soccer fields at Azalea (John B Lewis); Nature Center improvements moving ahead.
	Redevelopment of City owned Property on Riverside Drive		Releasing an RFQ for perspective developers to create 300,000 to 1,000,00 square feet of new mixed use construction on property located between 6 and 99 Riverside Drive.	Future project. Continued private sector interest. Council goals could include affordable housing, parking, support for arts and culture and economic development.
	Equitable Development Strategies		Creation of strategies that follow up on Neighborhood Scenario Planning and Alternatives to Gentrification Report for the East of the Riverway neighborhoods.	Equitable Development Report issued to public. City exploring economic impact analysis of RAD redevelopment to aid in partnership to train Asheville residents for direct and indirect jobs created by projects.
	On the Radar -These are proposals or ideas, not funded by the city at this point.			
			Partnership to Restore Thomas Wolfe Cabin at Azalea Park	Preservation Society, City of Asheville staff exploring partnership.
			Regional Flood Hazard Mitigation Project on Swannanoa River	Developing a partnership to implement the next project to mitigate flood impact: Warren Wilson, City of Asheville, Buncombe County, USACE, FEMA.
			Extension of French Broad Riverfront Greenway to Bent Creek and beyond.	Fundraising by Friends of Connect Buncombe. NCDOT leading feasibility as part of I-26 project. County involved. AARRC receiving update at today's meeting
			Swannanoa Corridor greenway section feasibility (east Asheville)	Staff working with community groups/NGOs to develop funding plan.
			Whitewater Park Feature	Individuals interested in championing the concept are looking to form an organization that can partner with community

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